



# Summary of the Somerset Hockey Association Committee Meeting

**Monday 27th November 2017, 7.30pm @ Taunton Vale Sports Club**

**Attendees:** Sandra Wickham (SW), Jo McDermid (JMcD), Andy Swain (AS), Julie Morrish (JM), Keith Walters (KW), Barbara Reynolds (BR), Laura Bennett (LB),

**Apologies:** Clare Hayes (CH), Sheila Burridge (SB), Mark Davenport (MD), Nick Kendall (NK),

<b>Secretary's Report</b>	
➤	Clubs say entry date for county comps too early to know if they have teams
<b>Competition Officers Report</b>	
➤	Sandra has told me Firebrands have so far turned down 2 dates to play their round of indoor to see who goes to west, there is a final date this Thursday. The West have asked for the teams going through so Sandra is going let Firebrands know it has to be played this week.
➤	I discussed with Sandra the U16 & U18 boys and I am going to do a round robin schedule that we will put out to those schools entered and hopefully they will agree to a longer day but a fairer tournament.
<b>Masters Officer's Report</b>	
➤	The West Masters Committee are looking at ways to increase the number of matches played at County Level. NK is waiting for a questionnaire to come from the Chairman, Martin Jenkins.
➤	NK thinks there would support from most of our county age groups for regular fixtures against the other West/local counties. Watch this space.
➤	They will also be asking England hockey to allow Counties to enter all the Masters age group Championships in future years. Currently this only applies to O60 Men. The idea is that this would be for players whose clubs do not enter. NK is not sure how this will be received by EH.
➤	Our O60 Men have reached the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Round of the Tier 1 Championship following a bye in Round 1 and a victory in Round 2 yesterday away to Devon/Cornwall (3-3 and 3-2 on flicks). The next round is on the 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan and draw will be known by the end of the week.
<b>Men's League Representative's Report</b>	
➤	The next meeting is on Wednesday so little to report since the last meeting. It should be noted that North Somerset C have withdrawn so one less team in Somerset.
<b>Updating the Constitution</b>	
➤	This does need to be done
<b>Any Other Business</b>	
➤	NK attended the EH Governance Review consultation in Taunton last Thursday. Although the survey still in progress there appears to be enough feedback to show that clubs are looking for a major revamp as to how Regional Associations and Leagues are run. Basically more standardisation across the country, more EH professional input and reduced layers of management backed up by up to date IT/website systems. The EH Working Group are targeted to put forward firm proposals to the EH AGM at the end of the season.

